

CLAIMS

The invention claimed is:

1. A method of answering an incoming call with a communication device having a selectively connectable voice interface and a user interface, said method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) detecting said incoming call;
 - (b) detecting a connection state of said selectively connectable voice interface;
 - (c) connecting to said incoming call in response to an interaction at said user interface, if said connection state is connected; and
 - (d) if said connection state is disconnected, answering said incoming call in response to at least one of an interaction at said user interface and a change in said connection state.
2. A method of initiating a call with a communication device having a selectively connectable voice interface and a user interface, said method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) originating a request for said call in response to a user command;
 - (b) detecting a connection state of said voice interface;
 - (c) initiating said call in response to a command at said user interface, if said connection state is connected; and
 - (d) if said connection state is disconnected, alerting said user of said disconnected state.

3. The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of initiating said call in response to a change in said connection state from disconnected to connected.

4. The method of claim 2 wherein the step of originating a request for said call in response to a user command comprises the steps of:

- (a) detecting said connection state of said voice interface;
- (b) displaying a dialing interface if said connection state is connected, and
- (c) if said connection state is disconnected, displaying said dialing interface in response to user interaction with said user interface.

5. The method of claim 4 further comprising the step of initiating said call in response to a change in said connection state from disconnected to connected.

6. A method of initiating a call with a communication device having a selectively connectable voice interface and a user interface, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) detecting a connection state of said voice interface;
- (b) displaying a dialing interface if said connection state is connected,
- (c) if said connection state is disconnected, displaying said dialing interface in response to user interaction with said user interface.
- (d) originating a request for said call in response to a user command;
- (e) detecting a connection state of said voice interface;
- (f) initiating said call in response to a command at said user interface, if said connection state is connected;

- (g) if said connection state is disconnected, alerting said user of said disconnected state; and
- (h) thereafter, initiating said call in response to a change in said connection from a disconnected state to a connected state.

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